



Site Stakeholder Group

AGM MEETING

DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION

SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY 25th June 2026

TIME 10:00 – 12:00

**VENUE: TRAINING ROOM 6&7 ENTER VIA MAIN SECURITY RECEPTION (UPSTAIRS)
DUNGENESS B POWER STATION,
ROMNEY MARSH, TN29 9PX**

AGENDA

- Introduction
- Apologies for absence
- Appointment of officers
- Conflicts of interest
- Agree constitution
- To approve the minutes
- Matters arising
- Correspondence
- Chairmans report
- Dungeness A's Site Director's Report - Dave Evans
- Dungeness B's Station Director's Report - Gavin Lancaster
- ONR report for Dungeness A - Katharine Walker
- ONR report for Dungeness B - Bert Broadley
- Environmental update for Dungeness A - Miriam Allardice and Vanessa McKay and Dungeness B - Kezia White and Nicol Caplin
- Any other business

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 08 October

Dungeness A & B Site Stakeholder Group (SSG)

4 February 2026

Held at Dungeness B Power Station, Romney Marsh, TN29 9PX

Attendees

Chair: Graham Finn

Vice Chair: David Godfrey

Regulators:

Jason Crook (ONR – virtual)

Miriam Allardice (EA)

Vanessa McKay (EA)

Nicol Caplin (EA)

Operators / Officers:

Ian Cuthbert (NRS – Dungeness A Site Director)

Gavin Lancaster (EDF – Dungeness B Station Director)

Clair McLaren (NRS, Minute Taker)

Jon Black (NRS)

Matthew Pardo (EDF, Comms)

Linda Marsh (EDF)

Kayleigh Ridley (NRS, Comms)

Mustafa Javadi (EDF)

Rebecca Cavanagh (EDF, Comms)

David Dolman (EDF)

Teresa Tong (EDF)

Voting Members / Local Authorities:



Site Stakeholder Group

Cllr Peter Coe

Cllr Paul Thomas

Adam Feacey (Kent County Council)

Cllr David Wimble

Cllr Paul Redstone

Cllr Tony Hills

Members of the Public / Community:

Alyson Shaw

Claire Bruce

Jo Wynn-Carter

1. Welcome and Introduction – Graham Finn (Chair)

- Chair welcomed the group and noted excellent attendance.
- Safety message delivered by Gavin Lancaster.

2. Apologies for Absence

Kezia White, Katharine Walker, Cllr Keith Glazier, Ray Johnson, Bill Hamilton, Barrie Goodman, Richard Parker-Harding, Fiona Naylor.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes approved as accurate.

4. Matters Arising

None.



5. Correspondence

- West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group (WCSSG) response to NDA Strategy 5 consultation.
- Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning (EIADR) scoping consultation notice for Dungeness B.
- Demolition works notice for Dungeness A.
- NDA stakeholder survey info.
- Email from New Romney Town Council re: funding.

6. Chair's Report – Graham Finn

- Update from National SSG Forum.
- Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting with Rob Fletcher.
- NDA Stakeholder Engagement update expected next meeting.

7. NRS Dungeness A Site Report – Ian Cuthbert **Updates provided in site director's presentation**

Additional Notes

- NDA has awarded £300k to the New Romney Coastal Destination project (FHDC-led).
- Ian Cuthbert announced his forthcoming retirement; new Site Director to be confirmed.
- Thanks recorded from Cllr Tony Hills for Ian's contribution and transparency.

8. EDF Dungeness B Site Report – Gavin Lancaster

Updates provided in site director's presentation. The EDF report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- Q1: *Adam Feacey* – Timeline for all fuel to be removed?
A1: Target for full transfer is April 2030, with the bulk moved by 2029.



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- Q2: *Claire Bruce* – Future of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary after handover to NRS?
A2: Support will continue while fuel remains; however, long-term presence is unlikely once nuclear safety risks are removed (as seen at Hunterston).
- Q3: *Cllr Tony Hills* – Impact of Storm Goretti and shingle levels?
A3: Minor adjustments expected within the nuclear safety case; sufficient shingle is available for recovery.
- Q4: *David Godfrey* – Handover responsibilities for the shingle berm?
A4: Responsibility transfers fully to NRS, and commitments will continue.

9. NDA Report

No representative present. No queries or comments raised from reports circulated prior to the meeting.

10. NRS Corporate update

None.

11. Regulators

11a. ONR

- It was noted apologies from Katharine Walker, DNA
- Jason Crook (virtually), DNB:
 - Carried out safety electrical/emergency green minor improvement, pleased to see station has sustained and improved from last year
 - No events have triggered ONR
 - Jason advised this would be his last SSG
 - Chair provided his thanks and wished Jason all the best for the future

11b. Environment Agency (EA)

- Vanessa McKay, Miriam Allardice – Dungeness A

Papers circulated prior to the meeting

- Regular calls with DNA Senior Managers continue to provide updates on decommissioning progress, regulatory actions, and emerging recommendations.



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- At the 12 November 2025 meeting, the EA reviewed waste-project updates and plans for 2026.
- An inspection on 12–13 November assessed NRS's Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP) arrangements, including how competence and staffing resilience are maintained against the Nuclear Baseline. The inspection is being finalised, with a report to follow in due course.

- **Nicol Caplin – Dungeness B**

Papers circulated prior to meeting

- Weekly call with the Environmental Safety Group at DNB to ensure kept up to date with the site activities and maintain effective communication with site. These are currently providing us with up-to-date information on the sites progress with defueling.
- No further updates relating to environmental permitting at Dungeness B since previous SSG report.

12. Project Updates / Plenary

No updates or additional reports.

13. Any Other Business

- Ten apprenticeships upcoming at Dungeness A.
- Dungeness A reducing footprint by 1/3 within the next 5 years.
- Dungeness B community engagement to increase.

Meeting Close

Closed at 11:40am.

Date of Next Meetings

- Thursday 25 June 2026
- Thursday 8 October 2026

Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group - EDF Report

June 2026

Station Director's Message June 2026

In May 2023 we began the process of removing fuel from our reactors. As you'll recall the sudden decision to move into the defueling phase in 2021 meant we had to change of our ways of working and thinking very quickly, develop technical cases for the work we are now delivering and physically prepare our site for the job at hand. Three years on our teams are making great progress and getting faster and faster. Of course nuclear safety is, and will always remain, our top priority. But I'm enormously impressed with the diligence and determination the team is showing to push our defueling operations ahead so well.

Defueling Operations

- Dungeness B entered its defueling phase in June 2021. This work involves the careful removal of nuclear fuel from the reactor. Our reactors hold 408 channels of fuel in Unit 21 and 407 in Unit 22.
- Once removed the spent fuel is then moved to our cooling ponds where it is placed into what we call skips and once the skips are full they are moved into flasks in the ponds, as below.



- Once the fuel is in the flasks the flasks are taken out of the ponds are placed onto the back of a transporter lorry and taken for transport to Sellafield, as below.



- As of June 1 2026, and since we started defueling operations in May 2023, we have removed fuel from a total of 279 channels across the two reactors.
- In late February issues in our fuelling machine and irradiated fuel disposal system hampered our defueling. But the challenges were quickly overcome and normal service resumed. By the end of February we marked passing the halfway point of defueling our lead reactor.
- March saw a particularly strong defueling performance with 31 channels emptied in 31 days.
- In late April we undertook a short defueling outage in which we investigated issues linked to machinery for handling fuel in the ponds. The outage ran just 12 hours over the planned duration due to emergent issues, but we still completed 144 tasks in just 12 days.
- And in late May our teams identified a fault on equipment in our ponds which handle fuel as it is moved from reactors to flasks which carry it offsite. The teams identified a key part of the fuel receiver was misaligned. Defueling was paused while the cause was investigated and a way forward planned.

Transfer & Deconstruction Preparations

- In April we vacated an office space in Ashford that Dungeness B had occupied since 2021. With available space, and improved facilities, at Dungeness B, and with plans for even further improvements, it was concluded we no longer required the remote office.
- The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Dungeness B decommissioning and deconstruction activities continues to progress, with an application for consent to the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) planned for summer 2027. A request for a pre-application scoping opinion was submitted to ONR in March 2026, with feedback expected in June.



EDF undertook public consultation on the scope of the environmental assessment and decommissioning proposals in March and April, which included face-to-face events in New Romney and Lydd. Feedback received was constructive and is being taken into account. Baseline environmental surveys, on air quality, noise and ecology, will continue over the summer on and around the site to inform the EIA.

- In February EDF secured planning permission for the new Administration Building and associated extension to car parking. It is anticipated that construction work will commence in Summer 2026.

Environmental events

- In February we notified the Environment Agency (EA) of an error made on paperwork associated with waste going offsite. The error occurred after waste gases, which had come out of an air conditioning unit, had been sent to the correct facility for disposal but because they had not been signed to go offsite by the correct person, we alerted the EA to the mistake.
- As part of our plant cooling operations, Dungeness B continues to bring seawater onsite. As it passes onsite the water is chemically treated to remove biological contamination. During two occasions in May, our water sampling programme identified that too much of the treatment chemical had been added to water stocks. Future treatments were immediately stopped while the plant was investigated and the reason for the error identified. We also notified the EA.

Safety

- In May a contractor was carrying out civil works on an area close to the security building at the south end of the site when they were struck by a piece of debris. The individual required first aid and hospital treatment. They returned to work a few days later. Dalkia is carrying out an investigation.

Staff

- Mental Health Awareness Week was marked onsite in May with a series of events and activities. Staff had the chance to take part in yoga and mindfulness sessions as well as speak with representatives from charities South East Mind and Random Acts of Kindness.

Community and stakeholder engagement

- Work progresses to secure long-term arrangements for moving shingle to protect the power stations. EDF has submitted a shingle recycling application to Kent County Council to continue capturing shingle at a rate up to 45,000m³ per year from the borrow pit for up to an additional 15 years. The application has been through a round of consultation with residents and statutory consultees and no objections were raised. A decision on the planning application is anticipated in summer 2026.
- In February Dungeness B hosted members of the Government's Committee on Radioactive Waste Management. While onsite the panel of specialists were given a tour of the plant and were able to see for themselves, the flasks we are routinely shipping offsite.

Gavin Lancaster

Station Director

June 2026



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Nuclear Regulation

ONR site report

EDF Energy – Dungeness B

ONR site report

EDF Energy – Dungeness B

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Foreword

This report is issued as part of our commitment to make information about inspection and regulatory activities relating to the above site available to the public. Reports are distributed to members for the Dungeness site stakeholder group and are also available on our website: www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/lcsg-reports.

Our site inspectors usually attend Dungeness site stakeholder group meetings where these reports are presented and will respond to any questions raised there. Any person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact us via email at contact@onr.gov.uk.

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1. Inspections

1.1. Date(s) of inspection

Our site inspector and other specialist inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the report period 01 January – 31 March 2026:

20 January

27-28 January

26-27 February

25-26 March

2. Routine matters

2.1. Inspections

Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with:

- The conditions attached by ONR to the nuclear site licence granted under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (NIA65) (as amended);
- The Energy Act 2013;
- The Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 (HSWA74); and
- Regulations made under HSWA74, for example, the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (IRR17) and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).

The inspections entail monitoring the licensee's actions on the site in relation to incidents, operations, maintenance, projects, modifications, safety case changes and any other matters that may affect safety. The licensee is required to make and implement adequate arrangements under the conditions attached to the licence in order to ensure legal compliance. Inspections seek to judge both the adequacy of these arrangements and their implementation.

In this period, routine inspections of Dungeness B covered the following:

- radiological protection
- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety
- security

ONR along with the Environment Agency attended the sites annual review of safety, security and environment during which the sites performance in the prior 12 months was reviewed. ONR was satisfied that (DNB) has continued to sustain its improved performance across the period whilst noting some areas for the station to continue to focus on.

Members of the public who would like further information on our inspection activities during the reporting period can view site inspection records on our website: www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/inspection-records.

Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email contact@onr.gov.uk.

2.2. Other work

The site inspector met regularly with the site-based Independent Nuclear Assurance (INA) team to ensure the internal regulator function remains effective and verifying information provided by the station.

The site inspector undertook a number of intelligence gathering activities and plant visits including engagement with members of the site's senior leadership team and the site's safety representatives.

In addition, during the period ONR has commenced the routine handover of site inspector responsibilities to a new site inspector.

3. Non-routine matters

Licensees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. Our inspectors judge the adequacy of the licensee's response, including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements.

There were no such matters or events of significance during the period.

4. Regulatory activity

We may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Under nuclear site licence conditions, we issue regulatory documents, which either permit an activity or require some form of action to be taken. These are usually collectively termed licence instruments but can take other forms. In addition, inspectors may take a range of enforcement actions, to include issuing an enforcement notice.

- No licence instruments, enforcement notices or enforcement letters were issued during this period.

5. News from ONR

For the latest updates and information on our work, please subscribe to our regular email newsletter, ONR News, at www.onr.org.uk/news/newsletter.

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Environment Agency Report to the Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group

June 2026

Introduction

This report covers our regulation of Dungeness A and B Sites and related environmental matters for the period February 2026 – May 2026.

The Environment Agency's priority is to protect people and the environment. We have set out how we will do this across the many areas we regulate, and on which we provide advice and guidance. For example, flood defence, flood warning, environmental sampling, permitting, angling and fisheries, waterways management and billing. Please see our page on GOV.UK (www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency).

Radioactive Substances Regulation

We regulate radioactive waste disposals through environmental permits that contain limits and conditions aimed at minimising wastes and protecting the environment. We check compliance with the permit by undertaking regular inspections. These are recorded on Radioactive Substances Compliance Assessment Reports (RASCARs) which detail our inspections and any non-compliance(s) found.

Site Regulation

Dungeness A

We have regular calls with Senior Managers at Dungeness A to ensure we are kept up to date with the progress on decommissioning, regulatory actions and recommendations and emerging issues at the site. We usually meet jointly with the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) for quarterly update meetings with the Site, however our Q4 meeting was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances and site availability constraints. Our next meeting will take place in July and we will provide any updates at the next SSG.

Inspections

On 3rd and 5th February, we carried out an inspection on Lower Activity Waste (LAW) arrangements, supplemented by a virtual meeting on 2nd April. The purpose of this inspection was to review how NRS Limited maintain and implement their LAW management arrangements in compliance with the Permit, regulatory guidance and other environmental requirements. We assessed how Best Available Techniques are implemented to manage and minimise radioactive wastes, and that application of the waste hierarchy is being implemented. The inspection was comprised of a review of documentation received in advance of the visit to site, an assessment of relevant procedures and parts of the management system, and discussions with key personnel, to understand how waste management arrangements are executed in practice. We are in the process of concluding our inspection and will issue our regulatory report in due course.

We have produced our regulatory decision (RASCAR) following our Q3 inspection on Suitably Qualified and Experienced Personnel. We found that NRS did not have a required authorisation and mandatory training arrangements in place in accordance with NRS Limited's own management arrangements. We concluded that this constituted one Category 4 non-compliance with the Dungeness A Permit. We have communicated actions to bring the Operator back into compliance and will monitor progress through our regular engagement.

Aqueous Waste Management

We have continued our engagement with the Operator on their management of current and future arisings of aqueous waste. We are expecting a copy of an updated holistic overview of aqueous waste and will continue to update the SSG on our discussions with the Operator.

We have previously reported that the Active Effluent Water Treatment Plant (AEWTP) has experienced issues with the presence of particulate. The tank cleaning campaign and installation of finer filters has enabled the site to successfully discharge effluent in compliance with their relevant Permits. Particulate samples have been sent off to a laboratory for analysis and we will continue to engage with Dungeness A to ensure that Best Available Technique arrangements are implemented and maintained and any impacts are understood and known for the Water Discharge Activity permit variation that is with the Environment Agency for determination. We will continue to update the SSG on our discussions with the Operator.

Dungeness B

We have weekly calls with Environmental Safety Group at DNB to ensure we are kept up to date with the site activities and maintain effective communication with the site. These are currently providing us with up-to-date information on the sites progress with defueling.

Inspections

On the 17 and 18 February 2026 we completed a defueling discharges and solid waste inspection at DNB. The site was able to demonstrate through discussions and provision of evidence that defueling has not introduced any new operational activities or risks. This means that the existing processes, which include the sampling and monitoring activities are adequate. The pond water monitoring and treatment arrangements remain robust, the Best Available Techniques (BAT) continue to be applied, and the site demonstrates strong control of waste generation and environmental risk. The station is actively preparing for defueling transition stages, future waste facility development, and environmental safety case updates. There were no non-compliances recorded as part of this inspection. There is good, proactive demonstration of waste management practice.

Events and Enforcement

Dungeness A

Stack Events

We have continued our engagement with NRS Limited regarding the maintenance and surveillance of ventilation systems. We have produced our enforcement decision following our review of information received from NRS Limited. Our review highlighted that updates to the NRS Limited gaseous waste management standard procedure had not been implemented on a Site level. We found deficiencies with NRS Limited's management arrangements and competent resource and concluded that this constituted two Category 3 non-compliances with the Dungeness A permit. We have issued NRS Limited with a Warning Letter, with regulatory actions, in order to bring NRS Limited back into compliance with the Permit. At present, we do not consider any environmental impacts to have occurred as a result of the deficiencies identified. We will monitor performance through our regular engagement and will continue to update the SSG as this matter progresses.

Dungeness B

Gas circulator waste oil

We were notified by DNB on the 9 December 2025 that a quantity of gas circulator waste oil failed the clearance checks. This meant it had to be retained on site and treated as radioactive waste. The review found that the signage for the gas circulator waste oil facility was not clear enough to ensure correct disposal. We concluded that this constituted a category 3 non-compliance with the site's Permit. This relates to the permit condition 2.3.1 (Condition 2.3.1 The operator shall use the best available techniques to minimise the activity of radioactive waste produced on the premises that will require to be disposed of on or from the premises) and the site not minimising the production of radioactive waste.

Diesel loss to bund

On 29 December 2025, the operator notified the Environment Agency of a diesel spill associated with the Auxiliary Boiler Fuel Oil storage system. The notification advised that, during overnight operations, diesel fuel from a mobile bowser had been transferred into an adjacent bulk storage tank (Tank 21B) that was out of service and not leak-tight, resulting in a loss of diesel into the engineered secondary containment bund. The operator confirmed that no diesel had been released to the wider environment and that initial groundwater checks in nearby boreholes showed no evidence of contamination.

We concluded that this event constituted a category 3 non-compliance, this reflects the potential for a minor impact on human health, quality of life or the environment, where there has been a clear failure in management system implementation leading to a loss of primary containment. The impact was limited by the effectiveness of the secondary containment system, with no pollution of the wider environment identified.

Total Residual Oxygen

Routine residual chlorine analysis on 27 April and 7 May recorded exceedances against the Total Residual Oxidant (TRO) limit as specified in schedule 3 table S3.1 of Permit P1288/K/87/V002. Compliance assessment of these two events has been summarised in two compliance assessment reports (C0010439 and C0011049). The events have been

assessed as having minimal impacts due to the dilution factor and the marginal exceedance of the permit limit and we concluded that these were category 3 permit breaches.

The site stopped using the sodium hypochlorite dosing plant after the second permit limit breach and investigated the issue. The dosing is expected to restart on the 10 June due to the need to ensure marine biofouling of the plant on site is appropriately managed now the seawater temperatures are rising. Monitoring is being increased to twice a daily at two monitoring points. If this monitoring can't be performed over the weekend the dosing will be stopped.

Environmental Permitting

Dungeness A

There are no further updates relating to environmental permitting at Dungeness A since our previous SSG report.

Dungeness B

There are no further updates relating to environmental permitting at Dungeness B since our previous SSG report.

Discharge Reports

Both sites are required to report to us liquid and gaseous discharges to the environment monthly. Liquid and gaseous discharges from both Dungeness sites remain within the limits set by the Environmental Permits.

Dungeness A

Dungeness A has submitted gaseous and liquid waste discharge returns in line with requirements of the environmental permit. We have reviewed the discharge returns covering the period of this report and did not identify any unusual trends. We continue to monitor all discharge reports.

Dungeness A submitted a witness sample, which was analysed by an Environment Agency contract laboratory, in line with requirements of the environmental permit. The witness sample was in agreement with the sample analysed by the site.

Dungeness B

Dungeness B has submitted gaseous and liquid waste discharge returns in line with requirements of the environmental permit. We have reviewed the discharge returns covering the period of this report and did not identify any unusual trends. We continue to monitor all discharge reports.

Environmental Monitoring

The Operators carry out monitoring of various environmental samples at periodic intervals and report the information to us. Dungeness B staff conduct the work on behalf of both sites. The programmes for the two sites are slightly different to reflect the radionuclides that are being discharged, the historical discharges and the operational activities taking place at each site.

Dungeness A and Dungeness B

Both sites submitted the environmental monitoring programme returns required to us on time, however we received the following notifications:

On 23 February 2026 we were notified that one of the groundwater samples for the EMP returns was missing. The handover process was not followed correctly which meant the sample was disposed of incorrectly. The process has now been reviewed and made it more user friendly to reduce the potential for human error in the future.

On 19 March 2026, Dungeness B reported to the Environment Agency that not all herbage samples were able to be obtained for the Environmental Monitoring Programme Q1 returns. Overgrazing of the grass has meant that no sample was able to be collected from one of the locations. The remaining four herbage samples were collected and reported.

On 24 March 2026 we were notified that only two samples were able to be collected for marine fauna in Q1. This is due to unavailability of stock which has meant the site was unable to achieve the minimum of three marine samples this quarter.

Other Environment Agency updates

Customer service line 03708 506 506

Floodline 03459 88 11 88

Incident hotline 0800 80 70 60

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Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce

In February 2025 Government [announced](#) its plans for nuclear energy, including setting up a review of nuclear regulation. The Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce reported directly to the Prime Minister and was led by John Fingleton. Read about [its role and Terms of Reference](#).

On 24 November 2025 the Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce published [its final report](#)

The Environment Agency supports the work of the Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce to deliver a stronger and more streamlined regulatory framework.

We welcome the publication of this report and will work closely with the government as it assesses these recommendations and prepares a full response.

We are committed to enabling the UK to become a clean energy superpower and enabling a safe, secure and sustainable nuclear sector that acts in the best interests of society and the environment.

Radioactivity in food and the environment report

Our annual report was published on 30 October 2025 on GOV.UK

[Radioactivity in food and the environment \(RIFE\) report - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Radioactivity in Food and the Environment (RIFE) improves our understanding of the impact of radioactivity on the environment. Our report provides an in-depth assessment of radioactivity in food and the environment in the UK and the public's exposure to radiation during a specific year.

It shows that the public's exposure to permitted discharges and direct radiation near nuclear and non-nuclear sites is low and within dose limits.

The report brings together the results of the nationwide monitoring programmes of the UK's food standard agencies and environment agencies. This monitoring is independent of, and is also used as a check on, the monitoring carried out by site operators.

This is the third year we've published the whole report as a HTML document with associated ODS files. We no longer issue a PDF or print copy. Previous reports are on the [National Archives website](#)

Read the blog [Radioactivity in food and the environment \(2023-24\) – Creating a better place](#)

Main messages

- Overall, between 2023 and 2024 there were no significant changes to the radioactivity measured in food and the environment.
- Food remains safe and the public's exposure to artificial radiation is within legal limits.
- The dose received by the public near to nuclear licensed sites and industrial and landfill sites in the UK is low and again well within legal limits.
- Levels of radioactivity in food and the environment are low this year and in previous years.
- The data from our monitoring programme in this report demonstrates that radioactivity in food and the environment is safe.
- Radioactivity from natural background, rather than nuclear sites, continues to be the more significant source of exposure to communities in all areas of the UK.
- Around 10,000 analyses and dose rate measurements were completed in 2024.

Dungeness information from RIFE

- Total dose was 0.010 mSv (1 % of the dose limit) and increased from 0.005 mSv in 2023.

- The increase in 'total dose' was mainly attributed to a higher gamma dose rate observed over sand at Rye Bay, compared to 2023. Consequently, the representative person has changed to an adult spending extensive time over sand and shingles in 2024 from an adult living near the site in previous years

Further information

Further information on our role in regulating the use of radioactive substances and related activities on nuclear licensed sites can be found on the Environment Agency section of the GOV.UK website www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/nuclear-regulation

Follow our Environment Agency Linked in page for news and information about regulating radioactive substances <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/regulating-radioactive-substances>

All our open consultations will appear on this webpage [Nuclear consultations - Environment Agency - Citizen Space](#)

Contacts

The Environment Agency's Regulator's for the Dungeness A site are Vanessa McKay (Lead Regulator) and Miriam Allardice (Assistant Regulator). The Environment Agency's Lead Regulator for the Dungeness B site is Kezia White and Nicol Caplin has joined as a Developing Nuclear Regulator.

Vanessa, Miriam, Nicol, and Kezia carry out environmental regulation of radioactive substances on nuclear licensed sites in Southern England. They work closely with the local Environment Agency teams in those areas as well as external bodies such as the Office for Nuclear Regulation.

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